

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 487

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Howard Buttrey, retired Police Chief of Brentwood.

WHEREAS, our State was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of public service as police officers, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person was retired Chief of Police Howard Buttrey of the Brentwood Police Department, who honorably and courageously served the department for twenty-nine years before his retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buttrey served his country in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1953; after leaving the service, he began his law enforcement career; and

WHEREAS, Howard Buttrey began his forty-five year law enforcement career with the Nashville Police Department; after leaving the Nashville Police Department he worked as an officer for the city of Belle Meade until 1971 when he accepted his position as the first officer and Chief of Police with Brentwood's new police department; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Buttrey's leadership, the Brentwood Police Department became the longest tenured Nationally Accredited Police Department in the State; and

WHEREAS, a proud Tennessean who contributed his time and talents to numerous local civic organizations, he was a member of the Brentwood Rotary Club and Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Howard Buttrey was an avid gourmet cook; he also enjoyed golfing and fishing; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the Nashville First Church of the Nazarene, he served faithfully for more than twenty years as a greeter, and director of the church's annual Thanksgiving breakfast for more than twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational Christian who served God first, others second, and himself last, Mr. Buttrey made several mission trips to third world countries to assist in the construction of churches; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buttrey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order, and

WHEREAS, Howard Buttrey enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Elise, with whom he had shared his life for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buttrey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion, and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Howard Buttrey, a man of impeccable character and stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Buttrey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.